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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace title with the following title:

"GUIDING DEVICE"

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a *national stage* of PCT/EP2003/010777 filed September 27, 2003 and based upon DE 102 52 150.6 filed November 9, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to a guiding device for positioning at least one workpiece, comprising a workpiece position monitoring device, ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] ~~To achieve the object, a guiding device having the features of claim 1 is proposed.~~ The guiding device according to the invention is distinguished in that the workpiece position monitoring device is designed as a sensor unit for contactless workpiece position monitoring. Such a sensor unit may, for example, contain at least one sensor according to document

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DE 298 20 742 U1. This document discloses a sensor which is used to detect a workpiece. The guiding device equipped according to the invention with a sensor unit is thus advantageously suitable for performing contactless component detection. This makes it possible to achieve problem-free and reliable workpiece position monitoring in the guiding device. Any signs of wear and/or contamination which may occur, in particular in workpiece contact regions of the guiding device, do not have a disadvantageous effect on component detection, which is now being carried out contactlessly by means of the sensor unit.